

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 25, 2004, has been carefully reviewed, and this paper is responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 5-8, 13-15, and 28-30, and 32-43 are now pending. By this Amendment, claim 13 is amended and new claims 40-43 are added.

Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiners Kumar and Chow for taking the time for a personal interview on April 21, 2004. During the interview, independent claims 13, 28, 32, and 38 were discussed with regard to the asserted art (no exhibits were shown other than the prosecution history and the asserted art). Agreement was reached on all claims.

As to claim 13, Applicant's representative clarified the recitation of "wet ink" as claimed. The Examiners agreed that the concept of wet ink is not shown in the art currently asserted against claim 13. Accordingly, claim 13 has been amended only to bodily incorporate the inherent meaning of "wet ink" as defined by the specification at, e.g., p. 12, without any change in scope. In particular, claim 13 was amended such that "wet ink" was changed to "ink that was recently added." As discussed in the specification, p. 12, lns. 11-15, the illustrative system determines whether any ink was recently added or "wet."

The Examiners indicated during the interview that the current rejection of claim 13 would be withdrawn because the art over which claim 13 is rejected does not teach or

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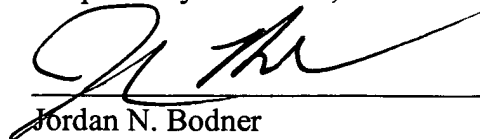
suggest the concept of wet ink. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 13 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Independent claims 28, 32, and 38 were also discussed during the interview, and the Examiners agreed that the combination of features recited therein are not shown in the art currently asserted against these claims. For example, the Examiners agreed that none of the asserted art, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests classifying a user input as a stroke, tap, hold, or hold and drag as recited in claim 28. Since the Examiners indicated that the current rejections of all the remaining claims would be withdrawn, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 28, 32, and 38, as well as their dependent claims, are now allowable.

New claims 40-43 are also allowable for at least similar reasons that claim 13 is allowable, and further in view of the various differing features recited therein.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notification of the same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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